United States District Court Southern District of Texas

#### **ENTERED**

May 16, 2023 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

Lorie Duff,	<b>§</b> §	
Plaintiff,	<b>§</b>	
v.	§ §	Case No. 4:20-cv-03430
Frontier Airlines, Inc., et al.	§ §	
Defendants.	§ §	

#### AMENDED SHOW CAUSE ORDER AGAINST AYLANCIA LILLIE

Plaintiff Lori Duff filed a motion against Aylancia Lillie, who is not a party in this case, claiming that Lillie failed to comply with a subpoena to appear for her deposition on April 19, 2023. Dkt. 70; see also Dkt. 69 (return of service for the subpoena). Plaintiff asks the Court to hold Lillie in contempt or, alternatively, to compel Lillie to appear for a deposition. *Id*.

Unless Lille has an adequate excuse, her failure to comply with the subpoena could result in her being held in contempt. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(g). A copy of the motion is attached as Exhibit A.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that Aylancia Lillie appear as follows to show cause why she should not be held in contempt:

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
515 Rusk Street, 7th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002
Courtroom 704

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order and the attached Exhibit A be served on Aylancia Lillie by the United States Marshals at her address of record: 1015 Hummingbird Point Lane; Houston, TX 77090. The United States will advance costs of service.

Signed on May 16, 2023, at Houston, Texas.

Yonne Y. Ho

United States Magistrate Judge

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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PLAINTIFF )	
v. )	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:20-CV-03430
FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC. AND ABM ) AVIATION, INC.	JURY DEMANDED
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# PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CONTEMPT, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO SHOW CAUSE AND COMPEL NON-PARTY WITNESS AYLANCIA LILLIE TO APPEAR FOR DEPOSITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

COMES NOW, LORI DUFF ("Plaintiff") requesting the Court to find non-party Witness Aylancia Lillie in contempt for failure to obey a duly served subpoena (Doc. 69) or in the alternative compel her to show cause for nonappearance and/or compel her to appear for her deposition and for cause would show as follows:

#### I. Introduction

- 1. This lawsuit arises from an incident (Plaintiff fell from a wheelchair disembarking an airplane) where employees of Defendant ABM Aviation, Inc. were assisting Plaintiff at Houston Intercontinental Airport. One of the two employees, Aylancia Lillie, was properly served with a subpoena to appear for her deposition on April 19, 2023 at the office of the undersigned. Doc. 69 (Return of Service for the Subpoena).
- 2. Counsel for Plaintiff and ABM Aviation, Inc. appeared for the deposition, but the witness ignored the subpoena and did not appear. See Ex. A, Certificate of Non-Appearance.
- 3. The return of service shows that Aylancia Lillie was served in Houston, Harris County, well

within the allowed subpoena range.

#### **II. Relief Requested**

- 4. Aylancia Lillie is a direct witness to the events underlying this lawsuit and her testimony is needed.
- 5. If a person does not obey a subpoena or a subpoena related order, a court can hold the person in contempt. FRCP 45(g); see also *Fisher v. Marubeni Cotton Corp.*, 526 F.2d 1338, 1342 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1975).
- 6. Per FRCP 45(g), Plaintiff seeks an order finding Aylancia Lillie in contempt for failing to appear for her deposition per the properly served subpoena. The certificate of non-appearance shows, by clear and convincing evidence, that the witness failed to honor the subpoena. Ex. A.
- 7. If the Court does not find Aylancia Lillie in contempt, the Plaintiff alternatively requests the Court issue an order compelling Aylancia Lillie to appear for her deposition and/or show cause why should not be compelled to appear for her deposition.

#### III. Prayer

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff requests that the Court grant this Motion and find non-party witness Aylancia Lillie in contempt, or in the alternative, order Aylancia Lille to show cause for her non-appearance and compel her to attend her deposition. Plaintiff further requests all other relief at law or equity for which Plaintiff may show herself entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on May \_\_11\_\_, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing documents was served by efiling on:

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 _/s/ Kevin A. Forsberg
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#### Certificate of Conference

The undersigned provided a copy of this motion to counsel Marc Rose for ABM Aviation, Inc. before filing and they indicated they have no objection to the granting of this motion.

\_\_\_\_/s/ Kevin Forsberg\_\_\_ Kevin Forsberg

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FOR THE DEPOSITION OF AYLANCIA LILLIE

APRIL 19, 2023

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Plaintiff,

vs. : C.A. 4:20-cv-03430

FRONTIER AIRLINES, INC. : AND ABM AVIATION, INC. : Defendants. :

Liberty Litigation Support Phone: (281) 200-5310 Fax: (713) 533-8997

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        I, Donna Worley, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and
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     Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, do hereby
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     certify that pursuant to Notice issued on February 7,
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     2023, I was present at the offices of The Forsberg Law
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     Firm, 15899 Highway 105 W., Montgomery, Texas, on April
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     19, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., accompanied by
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     Mr. Kevin A. Forsberg, Attorney for Plaintiff Lori Duff,
     and Mr. Marc Michael Rose and Mr. Brenton J. Allison,
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     Attorneys for Defendant ABM Aviation, Inc., attending by
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Page 3 All taxable cost will be incurred by Mr. Kevin A. 1 2 Forsberg, SBN# 24009204, Attorney for Plaintiff, in the 3 amount of \$\_\_\_\_. 4 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, on this, the 5 19th day of April, 2023. 6 7 Donna Worden Donna Worley, Texas CSR 7390 8 Expiration Date: 10-31-24 9 Liberty Litigation Support, LLC Firm Registration No. 708 10 7171 Highway 6 North, Suite 250 Houston, Texas 77095 Phone: 281-200-5310 11 Fax: 713-533-8997 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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Signed this	day of	, 2023.	
		U.S. District Court Judge	